

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FY 2006

## Operational Initiatives

- ★ A public/private partnership between the City and AIMCO Management resulted in the placement of a full-time community policing officer within the Springhill Lake apartment complex. The officer's duties will encompass engaging the community, management and City in addressing quality of life issues within the neighborhood.
- ★ Several tactical operations were undertaken in areas of the City where trends indicated that selective enforcement was in order resulting in arrests for illicit narcotics possession, trafficking and other charges.
- ★ Twenty-one Greenbelt citizens received CERT training thereby preparing themselves to help others in times of disaster. The Department, through liaison with the Public Safety Advisory Committee, was instrumental in the formation of the group.



- ★ A new position of Patrol Operations Sergeant was instituted to assist the Patrol Commander with supervision of the Bike Unit, the Traffic Officer, the Beltway Plaza officer, the Springhill Lake officer, the Communications Unit and other part-time specialty units.

- ★ The Emergency Response Unit was deployed to New Orleans, Louisiana for a week to assist local authorities with disaster relief.



- ★ The Honor Guard participated in a dozen community events including the National Police Officers' Memorial Wreath Laying ceremony in Washington D.C.



- ★ In the Communications Unit, a revised training program was implemented to assist entry level Communications Specialists to adjust from Call Taker to Dispatcher. The change has been successful in reducing the use of overtime volunteers from other Departmental units.

## **Administrative Initiatives**

- \* Concluded the first full year of in-house in-service training. Officers are required to receive annual training to maintain certification by the State. Previously, officers attended training classes at various off-site locations. In-house training led to efficiencies in scheduling as well as providing for more relevant subject matter.
- \* The General Orders Manual was re-written in accordance with accreditation standards.
- \* Concluded the self-assessment stage toward national accreditation. Full accreditation will be sought this fiscal year.
- \* A new officer performance evaluation system was used for the entire year. The system was so successful it is being considered for use throughout the City.
- \* In conjunction with the Greenbelt Fire Department & Rescue Squad and the Prince George's County Department of Public Safety, a Homeland Security training event was held wherein a joint operation responded to a potential threat at City Hall.
- \* CPR and AED training was provided to sworn personnel.
- \* A modular building was purchased for use as a training facility at the firearms range.
- \* Personal protective equipment and accoutrements totaling more than \$80,000 were procured using Homeland Security grant funding. Officers were equipped with hazardous environment protective gear and testing equipment.
- \* An annual audit conducted by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention indicated that the Department was in total compliance with the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) of 1974.

- \* Enhanced driver training was provided to officers who were involved in motor vehicle accidents while operating City owned vehicles. Driver improvement training is required by those who were involved in routine collisions and an emergency vehicle operator's refresher course was developed for those who were involved in collisions while operating vehicles in an emergency mode.

## **School Resource Officers' Activities**

- \* Approximately 60 high school juniors and seniors completed the Introduction to Criminal Justice class at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The course was originally set to be taught one semester per school year, however, in the 2005-2006 school year, it is being taught both semesters.
- \* MPO Marty Parker assisted by School Resource Officer MPO John Rogers conducted a program on the dangers of drinking and driving for the seniors at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The program was presented before the graduation and prom. The program was assisted by the local chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and the school's Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD).
- \* MPO Marty Parker and MPO George Mathews continued teaching the DARE program at the Springhill Lake and Greenbelt Elementary Schools. Visitations were made to different class levels throughout the year.
- \* MPO Marty Parker completed teaching the second full year of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) program. Approximately 120 middle school students completed the course.
- \* MPO Parker attended the Washington Area Bicycle Association bike and pedestrian training course, allowing access to a fully loaded bike rodeo trailer which has been used to host bicycle rodeos throughout the City.

- ★ Hosted the annual year end AAA Safety Patrol picnic at Headquarters. Over 50 patrol students from Greenbelt Elementary and Springhill Lake Elementary attended.



- ★ Sponsored four elementary students to attend the Montgomery County Police Department's AAA School Safety Patrol Camp in Thurmont, Maryland. The camp was funded by donations from AAA Mid Atlantic and the schools' PTA.
- ★ In conjunction with the Prince George's County School Security and the State's Attorney's Office, the unit hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Metropolitan Regional School Safety and Security Gang Information Conference at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The event drew approximately 500 attendees.

## Traffic Unit

- ★ Due to the efforts of MPO Scott Kaiser, the Department received over \$26,000 from the Maryland Highway Safety Office for selective enforcement initiatives. Outcomes of the various initiatives resulted in 130 traffic arrests for DUI/DWI violations and 67 separate criminal arrests.
- ★ 1,748 violators were cited during the Smooth Operator Aggressive Driving Campaign reducing aggressive driving crashes from 45% of all crashes to 20%.
- ★ The State Farm Insurance Company donated \$6,000 for the purchase of new RADAR equipment.

- ★ Three DUI Checkpoints were conducted within the City while officers assisted with four other checkpoints with MOU agencies.

- ★ MPO Kaiser conducted training sessions: Preliminary Breath Testing (2); RADAR (2); LIDAR, DUI In-Service (4); Child Safety Seat Installation (3); Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (3); Catch Them If You Can (1); and one Advanced Collision Investigation course.

- ★ 298 child safety seats were installed and five Child Safety Seat Checkpoints were conducted.

- ★ MPO Kaiser is a highly recognized individual in his field of expertise. He is a member of the national Association of Professional Accident Reconstruction Specialists, Inc., the Prince George's County Highway Safety Task Force, the Maryland Crash Reconstruction Committee, the Impaired Driving Coalition, the Maryland and Prince George's County Safe Kids and the State Child Passenger Safety Board.

- ★ Co-hosted the Advanced Collision Investigation Class with the Charles County Sheriffs' Office.

- ★ Conducted three Truck Inspection Details with the Maryland State Police.

- ★ Trained the Bowie State University Police Department in DUI Detection/PBT.





- ✧ Conducted 15 Drug Recognition Evaluations for Department and allied agencies.
- ✧ The Maryland State Police has redeployed an Intoximeter breath testing instrument to the Department as a direct result of alcohol enforcement efforts.

### Crime Prevention Unit

- ✧ This past year showed a renewed interest in Neighborhood Watch groups around the community. Active groups are located in Lakes at Greenbelt Village, Greenwood Village, Hunting Ridge and Windsor Green.
- ✧ National Night Out was a growing success with neighborhood parties held in three different locations in the City.



### Special Awards and Recognition

- ✧ All four K-9 teams received certification from the United States Police Canine Association in all three phases of discipline, patrol dog, tracking and drug detection, thereby achieving the prestigious Triple Crown Award.
- ✧ Awarded the sixth consecutive Governor's Award for first place in the Maryland Chiefs' Challenge safety belt program.



- ✧ MPO Scott Kaiser was recognized as the Greenbelt Police Officer of the Year by the American Legion Post #136 for his outstanding accomplishments in traffic safety.
- ✧ Received an Honorable Mention in the national International Association of Chiefs of Police Chiefs Challenge.
- ✧ Received an Outstanding Performance recognition award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving.



- ✧ Received recognition from the Maryland Highway Safety Office for the "100 in 2005" DUI enforcement program and the "Putting the Brakes on Aggressive Driving" campaign.